

Supplemental Amendment
Serial No. 10/529,628
Attorney Docket No. 052379

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached replacement sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 2 and 9.

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 are pending in the present application and are rejected.

Applicant's Response to Objections to the Drawings

The Examiner indicated in a telephone call that reference character 12 was used to designate both "positioning pin" in Figures 2 and 9, and "thin walled portion" in Figures 5-7. In response, Applicant here amends the specification and drawings to change the reference character which identifies the "positioning pin" to be a previously unused character, "22." Replacement sheets for Figures 2 and 9 are attached hereto. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Double Patenting

Claims 1, 2 and 4 were provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 2 and 4 of the copending application Serial No. 11/076,062 (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0200060).

The Office Action states that although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the subject matter limitations in claims 1, 2 and 4 of the copending application encompasses the subject matter of pending claims 1, 2 and 4.

In response to this rejection, Applicant herewith submits a Terminal Disclaimer. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are allowable.

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For at least the foregoing reasons, the claimed invention distinguishes over the cited art and defines patentable subject matter. Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action by applicants would be desirable to place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone applicants' undersigned attorney.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures: Terminal Disclaimer
Replacement Drawing Sheets for Figures 2 and 9